

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2005.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 16, 17, 19-32, 34 and 46 are allowed, and that claims 4-10, 15, 18 and 40 are considered to include allowable subject matter.

To expedite allowance of the application, and without conceding to the propriety of the rejections, claims 1, 7 and 35 are amended to incorporate already-allowed subject matter. In particular, claim 1 is amended to incorporate former claim 5, and claim 35 is amended to incorporate former claim 40. Additionally, claim 6 is amended to depend on claim 1, and claim 7 is amended to depend on claim 16. Claim 46 is amended to correct a typographical error. Furthermore, new claim 47 incorporates former claims 1 and 15. Claims 2-5, 15, 33 and 40-45 are cancelled. Accordingly, each of the presented claims has either been allowed, depends on an allowed claim, or has been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter. Entry of the amended and new claims is therefore appropriate and does not present new subject matter or any issues that require substantive reconsideration.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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